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Kenya

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in travel to Kenya due to COVID-19, crime, terrorism, health issues, and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[254] (20) 363-6170 or (254) (20) 363-6451; US Embassy Nairobi, United Nations Avenue Nairobi, P. O. Box 606 Village Market, 00621 Nairobi, Kenya

Telephone Code

254

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior

Currency (Code)

Kenyan shillings (KES)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Major Languages

English, Kiswahili, numerous indigenous languages

Religions

Christian 85.5%, Muslim 10.9%, other 1.8%, none 1.6%, don't know/no answer 0.2%

Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	National Parks of Nairobi, Tsavo, Lake Nakuru; National Reserves of Maasai Mara, Amboseli, Samburu, Shaba, Buffalo Springs; Thimlich Ohinga Archaeological Site, beaches near Malindi and Diani
Major Sports	Soccer, track and field, basketball, volleyball
Cultural Practices	Giving gifts with the left hand is considered taboo; use your right hand or both hands.
Tipping Guidelines	A tip of 10% is appropriate for the wait staff in restaurants. At hotels, porters may be tipped anything from 50-100 shillings, and housekeepers from 200-500 shillings per week.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and](http://www.aaa.com)

[American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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